# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF A PAGE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

TERRI PECHNER-JAMES and SONIA )	
FERNANDEZ,   Plaintiffs,   )	
v. )	C.A. No. 03-12499-MLW
CITY OF REVERE, THOMAS AMBROSINO,	
MAYOR, CITY OF REVERE POLICE )	
DEPARTMENT, TERRENCE REARDON, )	
CHIEF OF POLICE, BERNARD FOSTER,	
SALVATORE SANTORO, ROY COLANNINO,)	
FREDERICK ROLAND, THOMAS DOHERTY,)	
JOHN NELSON, JAMES RUSSO, MICHAEL )	
MURPHY and STEVEN FORD,	
Defendants,	

## DEFENDANT, CITY OF REVERE'S, MOTION TO COMPEL ANSWERS TO INTERROGATORIES

NOW COMES Defendant, City of Revere, and hereby moves the Court pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 37(a)(2)(B), and Local Rule 37.1 for an order compelling Plaintiffs TERRI PECHNER-JAMES and SONIA FERNANDEZ to respond to interrogatories propounded to said Plaintiffs pursuant to a Stipulation and Order of the parties and the Court duly entered herein.

## LOCAL RULE 7.1 COMPLIANCE

Filed concurrently herewith is Defendant, City of Revere's, Local Rule 7.1 Certificate of Compliance.

#### FEDERAL RULE 37 AND LOCAL RULE 37.1 COMPLIANCE

Filed concurrently herewith is the affidavit of Walter H. Porr, Jr., in Support of Defendant's Motion to Compel. This affidavit details the efforts to resolve this discovery dispute without the need for Court intervention. As set forth therein, there was an extended exchange of correspondence which culminated in a telephonic conference at which the parties acknowledged they had reached an impasse. This impasse was also confirmed by correspondence.

Pursuant to Local Rule 37.1(B)(2), Defendant, City of Revere, provides the following particulars:

- (1) A discovery conference was held.
- Revere Assistant City Attorney Walter H. Porr, Jr. and Plaintiff's Counsel, Mr. James Dilday. The conference was preceded by an exchange of several letters between counsel for the parties and was the culmination of that correspondence. The telephonic conference lasted between 10 and 15 minutes. No agreement was reached as a result of the exchange of correspondence and the telephonic conference. The issue remaining to be decided by the Court is enforcement of the Stipulation and Order entered herein on March 24, 2005.
- (3) This is en employment discrimination case under both Title VII (42 U.S.C. § 2000ε) and under the Massachusetts anti-discrimination statute (Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 151B), with ancillary state law claims as well. The verified complaint is 23 pages long and features 140 paragraphs. The substantive allegations reach back to 1995 and the Plaintiffs are each seeking in excess of \$5,000,000.00 in damages.
- (4) The interrogatories to which the Plaintiffs have stipulated are attached hereto as Exhibits "A" and "B" respectively.
- (5) The basis for these interrogatories was set forth in detail in Defendants' Counsel's letter of March 2, 2005, to Plaintiffs' Counsel (see Exhibit "1", Affidavit of

Walter H. Porr, Jr., filed concurrently herewith) which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Plaintiffs having stipulated to these interrogatories and the Court having approved said stipulation, there is no basis in law or fact for Plaintiffs failure to respond. Indeed, their failure to do so is a blatant violation of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure. Rule 37(a)(2)(B).

WHEREFORE, the premises being considered, Defendant's motion must be granted and the Plaintiffs compelled to answer the interrogatories forthwith.

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Dated: May 3, 2005.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Walter H. Porr, Jr., Assistant City Solicitor and counsel of record for the Defendants, City of Revere, City of Revere Police Department, Mayor Thomas Ambrosino and Police Chief Terence Reardon, hereby certify that I have, this day forwarced a copy of the foregoing Defendant, City of Revere's Motion to Compel, to all parties herein by mailing same, this date, via first class mail, postage prepaid to:

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Walter H. Porr, Jr.,

Dated: May <u>33</u>, 2005